

ABSTRACT

Novel flocked articles are disclosed which include as at least one component of the article a water resistant, wind resistant, breathable portion.

- 5 The water resistant, wind resistant, breathable portion may be a membrane, layered structure or composite which is either porous or nonporous, which can also be air permeable or air impermeable, hydrophilic, hydrophobic and/or oleophobic. In a particularly preferred embodiment of the present invention, at least a portion of the article comprises an ePTFE material. The flocked article
10 may have any desired shape, such as a flexible sheet, a fabric, a fiber, a flexible or rigid three-dimensional shape, a tube, or the like. Moreover the configuration of the article may be either simple or complex, ranging from a single sheet to a layered structure to a multi-layered, multi-compositional form.

15